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Mr. Frank C. Carlucci
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Carlucci:

The GEICO Public Service Award ceremony was held September 16, 1980, at which time the four recipients were honored. A press release outlining the accomplishments of the recipient is attached.

The difficulty in selecting the most qualified of all nominations submitted was - as you may well imagine - difficult. Those not named recipients should feel a great sense of pride at being nominated. We are proud of them and to demonstrate our appreciation we are enclosing a certificate attesting to each individual's accomplishments.

Rather than merely mailing the certificate directly to the individual, we felt it would add substantially to the honor by having the office submitting the nomination present the certificate to the outstanding federal employee or referring the certificate to an appropriate area for that purpose.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in the GEICO Public Service Award program and congratulate you for having such outstanding Americans working with you.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald T. Jackson
Program Manager

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News Summary: Four Federal Employees named recipients
of GEICO Public Service Award

FOR RELEASE: Immediately

WASHINGTON, DC, August 28, 1980 -- John J. Byrne, Chairman
of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Government
Employees Insurance Company (GEICO) today announced the
four recipients of the 1980 GEICO Public Service Award.
The winners are:

Kennerly H. Digges of Vienna, Virginia for
his outstanding contribution in the field of
Traffic Safety/Accident Prevention. Dr. Digges
is Director, Office of Passenger Vehicle Re-
search, Research and Development, National
Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S.
Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.

Kenneth R. Harrell of Spring Valley, California
for his outstanding contribution in the field
of Fire Prevention/Safety. Mr. Harrell is Lead
Firefighter, Fire Division, Operations Department,
Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego,
California.

Paul M. Meyer of Silver Spring, Maryland for his
outstanding contribution in the field of Physical
Rehabilitation. Mr. Meyer is a structural
Engineer, Structures Department, David W. Taylor
Naval Ship Research and Development Center,
Bethesda, Maryland.

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DR. KENNERLY H. DIGGES

Dr. Digges has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the planning and implementation of research programs to improve the safety and fuel economy performance of passenger vehicles.

In the area of passenger vehicle safety Dr. Digges' research work was instrumental in the issuance of improved crash-worthiness safety standards which are estimated to reduce automotive crash fatalities by approximately 10,000 lives per year. In addition, he has initiated advanced research programs that, if successful, will result in a further 10,000 per year reduction in crash fatalities. In 1979, 50,745 people were killed, over 2,000,000 received disabling injuries, and the yearly cost to society was more than \$48 billion.

Dr. Digges' research work has included comprehensive crash-worthiness testing of new production passenger vehicles; development of countermeasures to reduce fatalities and injuries in side-impact automobile accidents; development of an extensive research program addressing the serious problem of pedestrian deaths and injuries; and production of high technology automobiles with better safety performance, fuel efficiency, and lower emissions.

Dr. Digges began his federal career in 1956 as a project engineer with the Flight Dynamics Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where he served in several responsible positions, the last being Chief of the Mechanical Branch.

During the nineteen years Dr. Digges was at Wright-Patterson, he received a number of awards including an outstanding performance rating in 1964; a special service award for scientific achievement in 1968; and a superior performance quality increase in 1969. He was also nominated for the Collier Trophy by the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in 1972; and was nominated for the Harold Brown Award by the Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory in 1972. In 1973 Dr. Digges received a second scientific achievement award.

Dr. Digges came to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 1975 as Chief of the Structures Research Division, Office of Vehicle Safety Research. In 1978 he served as Acting Director of the Office of Passenger Vehicle Research in Research and Development and was named Director of that office in September 1978.

Dr. Digges resides with his wife Lucille, and their three children, Ann, Ted, and Kim, in Vienna, Virginia.

KENNETH R. HARRELL

Mr. Harrell's professional specialties are structural firefighting, aircraft crash and rescue operations and fire prevention. He is a member of the Board of Directors and lecturer for the San Diego Institute for Burn Medicine, and has organized two successful fund raising campaigns for the Institute. In an effort to prevent fires he speaks to approximately 2000 school children annually on home fire safety.

Additionally, he was instrumental in initiating a campaign in cooperation with the International Rotary Club to establish a Burn Center for the Tijuana General Hospital, Tijuana, Mexico. This unit is the only Burn Center outside of Mexico City for Mexican citizens.

Ken Harrell also is active in the California Fire Chiefs "BOMBERO" Program which assists the Mexican Fire Service in training their firefighters. He personally instituted the San Diego premier for the movie "The Towering Inferno" to benefit a scholarship fund for children of firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Lead Firefighter Harrell has received awards, letters and certificates of appreciation from: the Bank of America for academics in Fire Science; Mexican Fire Chiefs Association; San Diego Institute of Burn Medicine; International Association of Firefighters; two Commanding Officers of NAS North Island; Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Congressman Bob Wilson and the Tijuana General Hospital.

A native of El Centro, California, Mr. Harrell joined the NAS North Island Firefighting Force in 1968. He received his Fire Science Degree from Miramar Junior College in 1972. Ken and his wife reside in Spring Valley, California with their two sons Jason and Joshua.

PAUL M. MEYER

In December 1976,, as a result of his experience with handicapped persons as recruiting coordinator at the David W. Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center (DTNSRDC), Mr. Meyer was selected to chair the newly formed DTNSRDC Handicapped Affirmative Action Committee.

In the committee's first year, 1977, 20 handicapped persons were placed in the Center's summer employment program. In 1978, recruitment efforts at 18 colleges and universities led to the summer employment of 26. In addition, three handicapped persons, two of them college graduates were accepted for permanent employment at the Center. In 1979, 40 handicapped persons were hired under the summer employment program and 36 persons were placed in 1980.

As a result of Mr. Meyer's initiative and leadership as chairman of this committee, the Center received a Distinguished Service Award in 1978 from the Mid-Atlantic Region of the National Rehabilitation Association for having "one of the most innovative employment programs for the severely disabled in the U.S. Government."

He also initiated action at the Center to establish a sign language training program and coordinated the first Navy Handicapped Employment Symposium in October 1977. Mr. Meyer has participated in numerous seminars and conferences on employment of handicapped individuals and assisted other naval activities in establishing programs for handicapped individuals.

Meyer is a past president and a current member of the Spina Bifida Association of the Greater Washington area and is a member of the Montgomery County Association for the Advancement of the Physically Handicapped.

An Employee at the David W. Taylor Naval Ship R & D Center since 1967, Mr. Meyer is married and has two children.

ELIZABETH A. MURPHY

Ms. Murphy began to search for methods to analyze and deal with the problem of alcoholism among public housing residents in 1975 when she was assigned to the Job Opportunities Program. She subsequently attended Alcoholism Counseling Training classes offered by the Washington Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (WACADA). While attending training sessions she served as a weekend volunteer telephone counselor on the WACADA hotline. She later received an award from WACADA for her outstanding contribution in voluntary community service.

In January 1979 she was certified as an Alcoholism Counselor for the District of Columbia by the Professional Alcoholism Counselors Association.

Ms. Murphy developed an alcoholism outreach program designed to reduce the effect of alcoholism and related problems on family life in public housing. She obtained support from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism of HEW to implement pilot workshops for Public Housing Agency residents, managers and other local participants in Detroit, Michigan, Washington, D.C.; and Nashville Tennessee.

These workshops reached approximately 275 persons per session; attracted locally funded alcoholism resources; resulted in the establishment of locally supported on-going alcoholism programs; stimulated interest around the country in presenting alcoholism and alcohol abuse programs; and resulted in long-range funding support from HEW for Alcoholism Outreach Programs in public housing.

While working on the outreach programs, Ms. Murphy convinced HUD of the need to initiate an in-house alcoholism program for employees. In cooperation with the HUD organizations, Ms. Murphy developed an additional alcoholism program and in January 1980 HUD's in-house Al-Anon Unit was certified.

Ms. Murphy is single and has a total of 28 years of federal service in the Department of Defense, Department of Interior and Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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